ABSTRACT

Methods and systems are described that greatly enhance a user's experience when playing various media (e.g. CDs and DVDs). One or more databases, managed by a server, maintain metadata associated with various media. Through inventive mapping techniques, physical IDs that are associated with a user's specific media are mapped to logical IDs. The logical IDs then serve as the basis for database queries that retrieve the metadata. The retrieved metadata can then be sent to a client computer and displayed for the user. In one embodiment, a set of extensible markup language (XML) schema are provided for data exchange between client and server. Additional embodiments allow users to immediately contribute to the set of understood ID mappings. Further, a Wizard is provided and can be used to assist in mapping physical IDs to logical IDs.

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